



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACES AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Meeting Agenda

7/27/2026

6:00 PM

Location: Centennial Conference Room, 8225 3rd St Join the Zoom Webinar Meeting:

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1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items
4. Action Items / Discussion Items
 - a. CIP Planning and Budgeting Exercise
5. Secretary Recap
6. Announcements (Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails)
 - b. Town Staff
 - i. Parks
 - ii. Recreation
 - iii. Open Space
 - iv. Trails
 - c. Board of Trustee Liaison
 - d. PROST Board Members
7. Adjourn

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PROST Capital Fund Priorities

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Billy Cooksey – Parks and Recreation Director
Jason Genk – Berry Dunn Senior Manager



Highlights

- PROST Master Plan Guidance for Comprehensive Analysis of Capital Investments
- Prioritized, Flexible Approach Based on Funding
- PROST Advisory Board Feedback Important



PROST Strategic Initiatives



**CREATE A
CONNECTED
COMMUNITY**



**BALANCE RESOURCES AND
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**IMPROVE
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PROST Strategic Initiatives

Create a Connected Community Focus Areas:

- Bring community members together.
- Events, stronger strategic partnerships, volunteer programs, and social activities.
- Enhancing Wellington's trail and open space system to improve mobility and accessibility for connections throughout the Town.
- Experiences as well as the parks and recreation infrastructure.



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Balance Resources and Services with Evolving Needs

Focus Areas:

- Deliver high-quality services by aligning facilities, programs, and operational resources with changing community needs and available funding.
- Thoughtful reinvestment, space optimization, and adaptation to ensure existing assets remain relevant, flexible, and financially sustainable as the community grows and demographics evolve.



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Improve Organization Vitality Focus Areas:

- “Catch-up” with existing impacts to PROST.
- Sustain and maximize the high-quality experiences that residents and visitors enjoy, prioritize expanding resources.
- Increasing the number of staff, training, operational resources, facilities, and equipment will need to be pursued to successfully meet the community’s evolving demands.



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PROST 2025 Priorities

PROST PRIORITIES

IN PROCESS	2024	2025	2-5 YEAR PLAN	LONG TERM
Signage at all parks	Wellville Dog Park on East Side	New skatepark in new location with more amenities	Centennial Park Update with community areas for tree lightings, concerts (band stand or amphitheater), farmers markets, bathrooms with running water and new playground equipment	Complete trail system with wayfinding signs and exercise stations
Additional dog stations	Wellville - Fishing Docks	Basketball court on east side	View Pointe Park Update with new playground equipment, basketball lighting, wifi irrigation and bathrooms	More soccer fields
ADA restrooms at all parks in Wellington	Parks and Trails Master Plan update	WCP Additional picnic tables and shade by softball fields at	Poured in place surfacing at all parks	More baseball fields
Additional trees at all parks	Viewpointe Park basketball court and add pickleball	WCP New blue shade tarps	WCP – Gathering spaces for community events	More softball fields
Additional ADA picnic tables at all parks	Map of parks in Wellington (both digital and paper)		Library Park Score boards	Zip line amenity
WCP BMX refresh	WCP Splash pad upgrades		Library Park Irrigation system	Climbing structure with ropes
Library Park Bike Rack	WCP Veterans Plaza		Disc Golf north of WCP	Recreation Center
Library Park Additional trash cans	Update disc golf on West side		Park Meadows Park Additional shade structures	
	Improve drainage in underpass			
	Wellville Relocate bike rack closer to picnic tables			

Preliminary Capital Recommendations

Project Name	BUDGET 2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	 CREATE A CONNECTED COMMUNITY	 BALANCE RESOURCES AND SERVICES WITH EVOLVING NEEDS	 IMPROVE ORGANIZATION VITALITY
Parks Master Plan and Community Center Feasibility Study	90,000					X	X	X
Replace Soft Trails	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	X	X	
Playground at Viewpointe Park		300,000					X	X
Pour & Place Viewpointe Park		80,000					X	X
Shade Structure Viewpointe Park		25,000					X	X
ADA Bridge across Boxelder Creek		150,000	150,000			X		
Vehicle Replacement - Recreation		60,000						X
Wellville Pump		80,000						X
Vehicle Replacement - Park								X
WCP poured in place Border Replacement							X	
Mower Replacement	30,000	35,000	165,000					X
UTV Replacement	55,000					X		



Parks, Trails, and Facilities Needs

Strong Overall System Performance With Limited Excellence:

As the community continues to grow, there may be opportunities to strategically invest in signature amenities that enhance user experience and further differentiate Wellington.

Emerging Trail Network With Significant Connectivity Gaps:

The trail system provides important corridors, but it remains fragmented and lacks continuous routes for practical mobility. Without strategic investment, the network will fall short of Wellington's goals for active transportation and community health.

Positive Amenity-to-Population Ratios Mask Uneven Distribution:

Wellington meets or exceeds NRPA benchmarks for most current amenities, but these ratios do not reflect geographic equity.



Parks, Trails, and Facilities Needs

Park Distribution Leaves Critical Service Gaps:

Gaps limit the system's commitment to equitable access and require targeted investments in new parks and pedestrian infrastructure.

Balanced Approach to Recreation and Conservation: Wellington successfully preserves 44.11 acres of open space, but many of these areas lack amenities that encourage active use. Without enhancements such as trails, seating, or interpretive features, these spaces risk underutilization and fail to maximize community benefit.

Walking Equity Requires Immediate Attention: Access to amenities is inconsistent across neighborhoods. Addressing these disparities is critical to helping ensure all residents enjoy comparable recreation opportunities. Critical gaps exist in connectivity, walking equity, and amenity distribution that must be addressed to sustain quality and help ensure equitable access as the town grows.

Key Capital Future Focus Areas: Trails

- ✓ Advance East-West Trail Connectivity as a Tier 1 Priority
- ✓ Extend the North-South Trail Corridor and Regional Connections
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- ✓ Integrate Trail and Mobility Planning with Regional Partners



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- ✓ Close Priority Access Gaps with Targeted Park Investment
- ✓ Advance the Wellington Community Center as the Master Plan's Anchor Capital Project



Programs/Services Needs

Program Recommendations

The Town of Wellington Parks and Recreation Department is well-positioned with a strong foundation in youth and adult sports, but survey findings, participation data, and revenue trends highlight the need to broaden program diversity. Priorities should include aquatics, early childhood, pickleball, adult wellness, family/cultural programming, and equitable distribution across town. These recommendations align with both Master Plan goals and CAPRA standards by helping ensure programs are inclusive, balanced, and reflective of community needs.



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- ✓ Expand Early Childhood and Youth Non-Sport Programming
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Menti based Prioritization Interactive Exercise for PROST

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